

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 3-15, 133, 134, 141, and 142 are pending in this case. Claims 16-36, 102, 103, and 135-140 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer by the present amendment. Accordingly, no new matter is added.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 16-36, 102, 103, and 135-140 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Dorricott et al. (United Kingdom Patent No. 2 312 078, hereinafter "Dorricott") in view of Patten et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,408,301, hereinafter "Patten"). Claims 3-15, 133, 134, 141, and 142 are allowed.

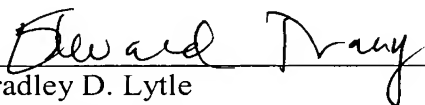
Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the allowance of Claims 3-15, 133, 134, 141, and 142.

With regard to rejection of Claims 16-36, 102, 103, and 135-140, these claims are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, making the outstanding rejection moot.

Accordingly, the pending claims are believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

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